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SUBJECT: ANTOKOLETZ DISAPPEARANCE (78/77/7)

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1. EMBASSY POLITICAL OFFICER IS IN FREQUENT CONTACT WITH ANTOKOLETZ' MOTHER, MRS. GARD, WHO IS ACTIVE IN MOTHERS OF PLAZA DE MAYO GROUP. IN MEETING WITH HER ON DECEMBER 27, SHE REPORTED NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING HER SON'S DISAPPEARANCE. MOST OF DISCUSSION FOCUSED ON PRE-CHRISTMAS DISAPPEARANCE OF 13 MEMBERS OF MOTHERS GROUP.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS REPORTS OF DETENTION CENTERS NEAR BUENOS AIRES. PRESIDENT VIDELA AND OTHER ARGENTINE OFFICIALS HAVE ALLUDED TO THEM, ALTHOUGH AT THE SAME TIME THEY HAVE SOUGHT TO MINIMIZE THEM BY REFERENCES TO PLACES OF "TEMPORARY DETENTION" WHERE DETAINED PERSONS ARE HELD INCOMMUNICADO "FOR SHORT PERIODS". WE HAVE HEARD IT ADDED-BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT THESE PERIODS CAN BE EXTENDED AS NEED ARISES. WE HAVE, FRANKLY, NO IDEA OF THE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY DETAINED IN THIS GRAY CATEGORY. WE BELIEVE THAT IN FACT PERSONS MAY BE HELD FOR LENGTHY PERIODS BEFORE BEING LISTED AS UNDER THE "PODER

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3. NEITHER THE EMBASSY NOR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WORKING
*GROUP, NOR FOR THAT MATTER APPARENTLY SECURITY SERVICES
OTHER THAN THE ONE ACTUALLY HOLDING A PRISONER, CAN
PENETRATE THESE DETENTION CENTERS. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE THAT
ANTOKOLETZ IS PRESENTLY BEING HELD IN THIS CATEGORY, BUT
THERE IS NO WAY, IN FACT, FOR EMBASSY TO VERIFY THIS THROUGH
USUAL FOREIGN OFFICE OR OTHER GOA OFFICIAL CHANNELS.
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